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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hoang NGUYEN

Application No.: 10/808,732

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Art Unit: 2828

For: TUNABLE EXTERNAL CAVITY LASER  
WITH ADJUSTABLE CAVITY LENGTH AND  
MODE-HOP SUPPRESSION

Examiner: P. Nguyen

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESTRICTION**

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 16, 2006 for which a response is due April 16, 2006. Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-33, with traverse. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a four month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.